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Milkman William Wainwright delivers his last pinta to one of his regular customers. Code1084888

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And who can blame him after half–a–century of rising at the crack of dawn to deliver milk to his band of faithful regular customers?

After 50 years of getting up at 2.45am to deliver pintas to the doorsteps of residents in Aughton and Skelmersdale, the 71–year–old from Up Holland is finally calling time on his daily round.

• Full story inside

LEISURE STRATEGY THREAT TO POOL

Councillor fears financial pressures could mean axe for town's swimming baths

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

DERBY ward councillor Adrian Owens has spoken out against proposed plans to close Park Pool swimming baths in Ormskirk.

West Lancashire Borough Council's Draft Leisure Strategy 2015–2025, released on Tuesday (October 13) outlines the authority's key actions timetable for built sports provision.

And one of the suggestions is to potentially replace or close Park Pool in the future depending on the impact of the new Sporting Edge facilities and the finances available.

The strategy suggests establishing a project team led by the head of leisure and cultural services with legal and financial representatives to undertake a new partnership arrangement from April 2020 – but Councillor Owens fears that the potential closure could be moved forward depending on financial pressures.

He told the Champion: "I believe that Park Pool could be considered for closure before 2020 and as early as next year if there are financial pressures on the council to save money.

"There are other alternatives – such as cutting down from two managing directors to one to save money.

"It would be an awful choice to close the pool. It is one of 96 sports centres run nationally by SERCO and holds the most swimming lessons of all those facilities.

"I believe that 16 primary schools currently send their pupils there for swimming lessons and I don't think that Edge Hill University's pool could take on all these classes.

"It's an important facility for West Lancs as it helps children learn to swim, which also helps with tackling obesity and encouraging healthy living. Figures from the latest Public Health England report show that by Year 6 one in three children in West Lancs are overweight or obese.

"A fundraising drive in the 1970s part–funded the opening of Park Pool and the public deserve for it to stay open. Children have drowned in local quarries in recent years because they couldn't swim and Park Pool is a vital facility for swimming lessons."

The strategy suggests potentially updating sports facilities at Burscough Racquets and Fitness Centre if Park Pool closes – and potentially updating facilities at Banks Sports Centre to secure its 'medium–term future' or to consider closure.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said:"No decisions have been made on the future of any leisure facilities in the borough. This is currently a draft strategy and will go to

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Council changes recycling rules

WEST Lancashire residents can now add clean aluminium foil, foil food containers and foil trays to their recycling collections.

The change has been introduced by the borough council to help people recycle more of their household rubbish and reduce the amount that goes to landfill.

The council's latest figures show that around 50% of household waste is recycled, thanks to the efforts of residents.

The extra items can be added to residents' blue bins or blue boxes after being washed.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, the council's portfolio holder for street scene services, said: "The council is proud of its track record on recycling and the amount and range of recycled materials has increased steadily over the years. I'm delighted that clean aluminium foil has now been added to the materials that can be recycled."

Clean aluminium foil, along with foil food trays and other types of foil food containers should be washed and placed in the blue bin (or blue box) along with glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and aerosols and plastic bottles.

Residents are advised to take care about what they put into the blue bin. If the materials are contaminated by other waste then the bin may not be emptied and the collection team may put a sticker on the bin to explain.

West Lancs residents could benefit from Cosy Homes scheme

A £6m scheme has been launched which could help keep homes in West Lancashire warm and heating bills down.

Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL) will provide free or subsidised boilers and insulation measures as part of a partnership between every council in the county and a number of energy industry companies.

And, depending on the type of energy efficiency measures needed and personal circumstances, almost all residents could benefit, some to the tune of thousands of pounds.

To find out more call the Cosy Homes in Lancashire team on 03306 061 488, or e–mail at info@chil.uk.com.

They will guide you through the application process and if eligible they will arrange for a free survey of your property to confirm what can be done.

Private landlords and organisations working with clients who could benefit are also encouraged to get in touch.

Cosy Homes in Lancashire is a 12–month scheme set up by Lancashire's local authorities to help households get the most out of the government's Green Deal and ECO schemes.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "The Cosy Homes in Lancashire scheme is great news for West Lancashire residents. It gives people eligible for the scheme the opportunity to make their home as energy efficient as possible in order to reduce their bills and stay warm and well. I would urge people to get in touch now."

And Councillor Jennifer Patterson, portfolio holder for housing, added: "Tackling fuel poverty is very important and the council has taken many other measures to help make its housing stock more energy efficient. By taking part in this scheme the council is aiming to help homeowners and people living in private accommodation to save money on their energy bills."

Funding for the scheme comes through grants from energy giant SSE and other energy companies.

Lancashire company Firefly Energi are managing the scheme with a number of trusted installers responsible for fitting the heating and insulation measures into homes.

As well as the core work of heating and insulation measures, the scheme will also develop offers for households around renewable energy technologies and energy tariff switching.

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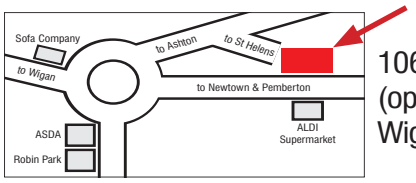

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Constabulary chiefs warn cuts could put communities at risk

County expected to be among the worst affected by impending government funding review

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary could face cuts of up to £88 million by 2020 on top of the £74 million savings already made – and the county's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw has warned that communities "would no longer be safe."

The force is expected to be one of the worst hit in the government's funding review next month, with an extra 13% of cuts (£24.8million), while the comprehensive spending review next month is expected to wipe another 25 to 40% (£41m to £64m) off the budgets as ministers continue to implement austerity cuts.

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan described the double–whammy of cuts and said that if the spending pot for all of the forces made up a cake, the first round of cuts would make the cake smaller – while the second round of cuts would make Lancashire's slice of this less than before – and smaller than almost all of the other forces' slices.

The cuts could spell the end of the mounted and dog sections, neighbourhood policing teams, Police Community Support Officers, and community beat teams.

The force could also have to close all enquiry desks in the region and lose the vast majority of road policing officers, who deal with enforcement, information and bereavement.

The anticipated cuts could also result in axing support units who deal with public order, warrants, drugs raids, violent offenders and missing children and the Serious and Organised Crime unit who deal with the surveillance of the most dangerous offenders.

The Serious and Complex Crime unit, who deal with murders, rapes and abuse, could also be cut with the force instead having to 'buy in' a service from Titan, the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit.

Lancashire Chief Constable Steve Finnigan

Chiefs have warned though that even axing all of these services would still leave them 'over budget' by a shocking £32million.

Since 2010, the force has lost around 700 officers and 275 members of civilian staff.

The reductions could mean the loss of another 650 officers and half the remaining civilian staff– leaving only a 'skeleton' force of 1,912 officers by 2020.

'HARMED'

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan said: "What I say could impact on public confidence and that's not my intention but we deal with risk every day and the cuts are a high–risk strategy.

"87% of our budget is on people so we would be losing a lot of people and we would be response policing not doing preventative policing.

"What breaks my heart is that we have a clear purpose to keep people safe from harm especially the most vulnerable and lots more people would be at risk and harmed due to the sheer scale of the cuts."

When asked by the Champion how the cuts would be rolled out across each area, Chief Constable Finnigan replied that they would use statistical calculations using crime and non–crime data and the views of local divisional commanders to decide where resources would be prioritised.

But, he, added: "It would not be easy."

Clive Grunshaw said: "There is no doubt that these savage cuts, which come on top of the already significant savings which have had to be made, will have a devastating impact on the standards of policing which the constabulary is able to deliver and which our communities have come to expect. It is no exaggeration to say that people in our communities will be left at risk. We are talking about no longer being able to keep the public safe.

"Lancashire has been repeatedly praised as being an outstanding and efficient force in recent inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and this feels as though we are being punished for our success. I am demanding an explanation from the government to explain why this is the proposal and I have already contacted the policing minister, Mike Penning and the Home Secretary, Theresa May, to ask for a meeting but they are unable to see me at present.

"I will be in Westminster this week meeting Lancashire MPs and I will be making them fully aware of the implications of these changes. We will do everything that we can and fight as hard as we can to make Westminster realise the cuts' huge consequences."

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Footballers open new hub at young people's charity

Preston North End manager Simon Grayson (left) captain Tom Clarke and owner Trevor Hemmings at Tuesday's official opening of new facilities at Rainbow House.

A NEW £500,000 development for children and young people with disabilities has officially opened at the Rainbow Legacy House in Mawdesley.

Work on the new Rainbow House Hub, a project to convert a former stable block into four classrooms and a teaching facility unit, started in 2013 and was completed earlier this month.

Players from Football Championship side Preston North End visited the children and young people's charity on Salt Pit Lane yesterday (Tuesday, October 13) to officially open the new development.

They also drew winners in the centre's 'Wheels' raffle which saw one lucky entrant win a fantastic Citroen C1 car. Other prizes included a moped, gents, ladies and a children's bicycles and a pram.

The charity works with children who have a brain injury, those with multiple disabilities and those with complex health needs – and the new hub will equip them with life skills, reducing the likelihood of them needing lifelong care. They will be taught skills, including cooking, dressing and toilet skills, enabling them to live healthier and more independent lives.

Special guests at the opening included the parents of children attend who Rainbow House and representatives from many of the businesses who support the charity.

The charity cares for more than 200 children and young people a week but has a significant waiting list and desperately needed rehabilitation classes for older children and young people.

The hub was funded by a number of local grant giving organisations and companies including Veolia Environmental, TJH Foundation, Hemway and Northern Trust, while Sika Liquid Plastics in Preston installed specialist yellow, purple and green flooring for free in the new development.

The charity holds regular physical therapy sessions so the floor has to assist crawling and rolling, take impact and be easily cleaned. It was installed as one piece so it has no joints to harbour bacteria.

Pool closure threat

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"the council meeting on Wednesday, October 21. We cannot comment any further on any particular issues until the whole draft strategy has been reviewed by council.

"Once the draft strategy has been agreed and/or amended by council at its meeting on October 21 it will then go out to public consultation. The council will take into account the views we receive through the consultation in forming the final strategy."

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Some of the art club members and their awards, with facilitator Lucy Wilson

Budding artists earn national scheme awards

TALENTED young artists are getting a head start – thanks to the Chapel Gallery Saturday Art Club.

Nine members of the club at the gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk, have been successful in achieving nationally–recognised qualifications from the Arts Council and Trinity College (London) Arts Award scheme.

Lewis Deakin, Tara Latham, Louisa Sergison, Megan Ackers, Katie Stanfield, Eavane Boland, Malraux Wrennal and Tanish Ashcroft all achieved bronze awards, while Kirsty Appleton earned a silver award.

The programme aims to develops creativity, leadership and communication skills, and young people learn to work independently, helping them to prepare for further education and employment.

Chapel Gallery facilitators are trained to deliver the Arts Award at all levels.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "I am delighted for the young people that they have achieved this success. It is a great tribute to their hard work and the efforts of the facilitators of the art club sessions."

During art club sessions participants explore various techniques, media and learn new skills inspired by the latest exhibition or creative themes planned by the facilitators. They are encouraged, with expert advice and support, to create their own artworks in the gallery's fully–equipped workshop rooms, developing their creativity and talent in the process.

Sessions run term time only. For 8 to 12–year– olds they are held every Saturday, while a special session for 13 to 18–year–olds is held every other Saturday afternoon. Session times are mornings 10am to midday and afternoons 1 to 3pm. There is a charge for the sessions with an early payment discount offer.

For further information about the Chapel Gallery Art Club, including the charges for sessions, ring 01695 571328, email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk or visit the gallery web site at www.chapelgallery.org.uk.

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Police mobile phone project set for take–off

Feared budget cuts won't halt scheme

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A PROJECT which will equip police officers with modern technology is to be rolled out across the force in Lancashire.

Forty officers took part in a pilot of the project and 2,000 police officers will now be equipped with Samsung Galaxy Note 4 devices to revolutionise the way in which they work helping them to access IT files and systems on the go.

Although Lancashire Constabulary announced this week that they could be hit by additional austerity cuts of up to £88million by 2020, the phone investment will not affected as it had already been commissioned.

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw used an earmarked reserves budget which was already set aside to improve services and ensure that officers are better equipped.

As a result of the scheme, uniform officers will be out on the beat for longer as they can access files they need on the Samsung without having to return to base.

The mobile devices are just part of a £10.1m overhaul of IT infrastructure across the force designed to meet national requirements, improve security and streamline the number of platforms the force currently uses.

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan and a PC with one of the devices during the constabulary's recent open weekend

They run on EE's 4G network and will come loaded with special policing apps allowing officers to read live crime reports, take witness statements electronically and access the police national computer to run checks. They will also be able to post directly on to the constabulary's social media accounts to make instant appeals for help or to engage with the public directly.

Clive Grunshaw said: "This investment was planned to ensure we provide our officers with the latest technology to improve the speed in which they access information.

"The Samsung works just as any other mobile telephone but with the additional apps and folders needed to make them more effective in the job and to ultimately give them officers more time on the streets of Lancashire.

"These mobiles will also improve the way people can get in touch with their local policing team. Being more mobile means residents will see officers and PCSOs doing their work in the community, where members of the public can interact with them."

The decision for the force to move to smartphones for police officers follows a successful pilot trial in Blackpool and Lancaster.

Training on the devices is underway and by January 2016, all front–line uniformed officers will be using them.

Haskayne woman among victims of French flash floods tragedy

A FORMER administration worker at Edge Hill was among the victims when a campsite in the south of France was hit by flash flooding last week.

Linda Martinez, 62, from Haskayne who recently retired from her role at the Ormskirk university, is believed to have been staying in a caravan with her husband on a campsite near Antibes, which was one of the towns hit by the violent storms.

The region received more than 10% of its average yearly rainfall in just two days and at least 19 people were killed as a result of the floods.

Vice–chancellor of Edge Hill, Dr John Cater: "Staff and students at Edge Hill University are saddened by the tragic news about Linda Martinez.

"A key member of the administrative team in the faculty of education for 15 years until her retirement earlier this year, Linda was well–known and much–loved by many colleagues and students and was only very recently in the faculty visiting friends.

"Colleagues from our HR team are on hand to provide support to staff at this sad time.

"Our thoughts are with Linda's loved ones."

Katie's fundraising challenge for young cousin's cancer battle

A WAREHOUSE assistant is hoping to raise thousands of pounds for a young cousin who is battling a rare childhood cancer.

Katie Skarratts, who lives in Ormskirk with her partner, is hoping to raise at least £3,000 for two–year–old Daniel Rainbow who is being treated for stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma which has spread to his bone marrow, liver, chest and hip, pelvis and knees.

His family has been told that neuroblastoma has an 80% of returning and if it does there is no treatment in the UK, so Daniel, who lives in Newcastle, would have to go to the USA for specialist treatment costing £500,000.

Daniel's family and friends have so far raised £13,600.

Skelmersdale toddler Millie–Rose Heaton lost her battle with the same rare cancer aged three in July 2014. At the time of her death, the community had rallied around the family to try to fund specialist treatment in Germany.

Katie has raised £1,000 so far through a number of sponsored challenges and fundraising events.

However, her next challenge will be a tough one for the 26–year–old who hates wearing dresses – she will be wearing a bright, fitted dress to work from 8am to 5pm at West Lancs Trade Plastics in Burscough on Friday, October 30.

Katie Skarratts

She said: "The worst thought for me in terms of clothing is having to wear a dress for any occasion, it will be mortifying! Working in a builder's yard in a tight dress may prove challenging especially unloading lorries. Luckily, my friends and family found the idea hilarious and my sponsorship reached £200 in just three hours!

"I'm hoping to raise at least £1,000 wearing the dress and will be doing more fundraisers.

"I've already had so much support from our kind–hearted community and I'm hoping that they can help me to continue to help Daniel to reach his target."

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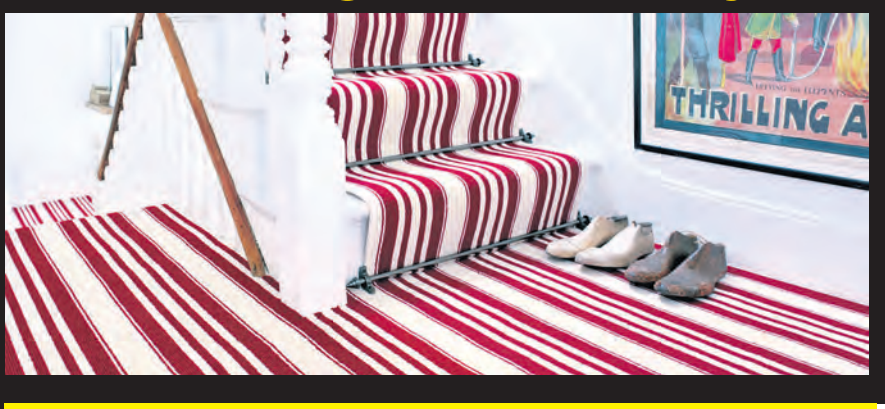

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Milkman hangs up his crate after 50 years!

By **Henry James**

RESIDENTS in Aughton and Skelmersdale will be missing a friendly face after milkman William Wainwright finally decided to hang up his crate after an incredible 50 years delivering doorstep pintas in West Lancashire.

William, who started off helping his uncle delivering round Up Holland in a pony and trap, has had to concede defeat to Old Father Time – albeit some six years after the normal retirement age!

The 71–year–old kept going because he didn't want to let his customers down – but the man who once battled through a snowstorm to make sure his regulars would have milk for their morning cuppas and cereals is taking a well–earned rest.

He said: "It is quite a funny feeling retiring – it's almost like someone has taken your right arm off.

"Over the years my customers have been like friends to me – I would look after them and they would look after me.

"I like the people of Aughton and Skelmersdale – they're good people.

Milkman William Wainwright who is retiring after 50 years
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"Most of my customers have been with mefor many years and I've seen their families grow up.

"It's definitely a wrench leaving the round but I suppose it had to come sometime."

During his long career William has had very little time off – either with sickness or holidays – and he always managed to make sure the milk was delivered in even the worst weather conditions.

"I've had to cope with some pretty bad weather in the last five decades – once I even carried on despite a 20ft snow drift!

"I hardly had any time off because I'd get bored – although I did take a few days off about three years ago when I had a heart scare."

He's also seen some unusual sights on his trips around the borough in the early hours – including dead bodies!

And he's witnessed some big changes in the industry – with cut–price supermarket milk making it increasingly hard for the traditional milkman to survive.

Meanwhile, William's wife of 49 years, Mary is happy that he has decided to call it a day – although she knows he will miss it.

She said: "Once we went for a caravan holiday in Yorkshire but he had to come back after a day because he didn't want to let any customers down!

"The people on his round have become more like friends than customers and they've been loyal to him too – they all brought him gifts when they knew that he was leaving."

Meanwhile, William won't be turning into a couch potato in his retirement – he plans to spend more time fishing and looking after his grandchildren.

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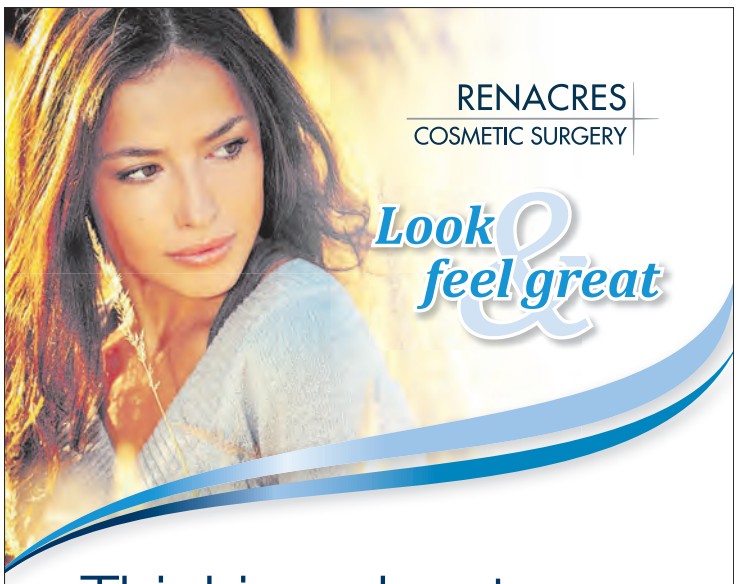

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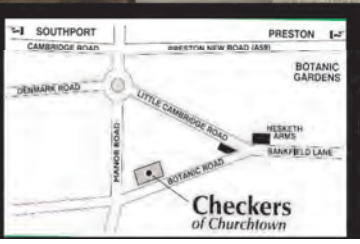

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Weather halts Katie's world record bid

A WEST Lancashire swimmer's bid to smash a world record while raising money for two worthy causes has been blown off course.

Katie Birchall from Town Green had hoped to enter the Guinness Book of World Records by completing a gruelling three–way swim of the English Channel between Dover and Calais in less than 30 hours and 31 minutes as a member of the six–strong Andy's Channel Ladies team.

Four of the six, including Katie, were in the first Andy's Channel Ladies team, which holds the world record for the fastest two–way crossing in 18 hours 13 minutes achieved in July 2013.

This time the 33–year–old, along with teammates Jane McCormick, Dee Llewellyn, Lucy Lloyd–Roach, Emma Ross and Natalie Massey, hoped to break the record for the three–way crossing.

Setting out from Dover to Cap Griz Nez, they made excellent time on the first leg but they reluctantly had to call a halt on the second leg back to Dover after inclement weather forced them to drift across the French coastline.

Despite the disappointment though they have still raised £2,000 to date for the British Heart Foundation and children's charity, UNICEF.

And Katie, a sales executive for a shipping line, vowed they would be back to attempt the record again in the future.

Report by
Danielle Thompson

She said: "Everyone's support has been incredible! If you'd have asked me how I would have felt prior to the swim if we hadn't made it, I'd have said absolutely gutted but how can you be disappointed when everyone, the girls and our pilots, have done their absolute best?

"We gave it our all, not just on the day, but in the preceding months with all the training and fundraising, we couldn't ask for any more from anyone.

"Those of us on the boat at the turn, had a feeling that a tough call was going to have to be made after seeing the French coastline for over three hours and seeing us start to drift into the ferry lane.

"It was a great day though surrounded by an inspirational team and knowing that we had the support of a lot of people back home kept us going.

"One thing for certain is that we'll be back to tackle this again in the future."

d.thompson@champnews.com

The Andy's Channel Ladies team

Choir concert to raise funds for church

A NATIONALLY–recognised choir will be aiming to hit the high notes for a West Lancashire church on Friday (October 16).

The Friends of St Michael's Church, Aughton have organised a concert by The Cantique Chamber Choir to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the Grade I listed church on Church Lane.

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Indian project is a lifesaver

Edge Hill team join forces with hospitals to tackle stigma of suicide in sub–continent

A PIONEERING partnership between Edge Hill and two Indian hospitals to help people there who have attempted suicide or are at a vulnerable stage in their life is already having a lifesaving impact.

The project, involving the Ormskirk university and the hospitals in Mysore, is delivering crucial mental health interventions with the first round of training for nursing staff completed in June and more planned for January 2016.

A team from Edge Hill's faculty of health and social care and colleagues from the CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital and Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, is supported by the Tropical Health & Education Trust as part of the Health Partnership Scheme.

To date the project has trained 120 staff 'champions' who can now undertake mental health assessments directly on patients in hospital settings. In addition, 40 trainers were trained to disseminate the training throughout both hospitals. The team has also established ongoing systems to collate learning evaluations, audits of patient assessments and the number of people who have been referred for psychiatry. The aim is to ensure that the interventions benefit patient and families directly and are driven by local needs in India.

The training focuses on improving mental health interventions for those who have attempted suicide and/or are at a vulnerable stage in their life, in one of the worst–affected regions of the country with the world's highest suicide rate.

There is an acute shortage of mental health trained professionals in Mysore and with up to 2,500 people being referred to just two doctors each year after suicide attempts this is a major public health concern.

Steve Jones, senior lecturer at Edge Hill University

Steve Jones, senior lecturer at Edge Hill, said: "This is a heavily stigmatised subject in India. The preferred method of attempted and successful suicide in India is by deliberately consuming pesticides with thousands dying each year.

"When we first visited India in 2012 we were struck by the numbers of people in A&E and on ventilators in intensive care who had attempted to kill themselves. However, health care is not free in India except for the most poor, and if poverty led to the attempt then a hospital bill if you survive compounds debts and may lead to further attempts.

"We knew that we had to start somewhere and we hope our joint training with Indian colleagues provides a starting point. The next stages for future grant applications will be to explore what leads to suicide attempts and also how community support can be started.

"We have to consider the sensitivity and stigma associated with suicide in India and the shame felt by patients and their families. There are, of course, many reasons for attempting suicide, irrespective of which country and this is a global problem, but India unfortunately has the highest rate in the world.

"During our last visit our work received a lot of TV coverage and national press interest, showing the vital impact this work could have on making the issues open to the public.

"We remain committed to raising the issues that surround suicide, not just in India but also in the UK."

The team plan to evaluate the project in January to assess how effective the training was, the quality of assessments undertaken by nurses trained in Mysore, review patients referred to psychiatry and also evaluate staff attitudes to mental health problems and attempted suicide.

The Edge Hill team, which includes Steve Jones, Paul Keenan, Kathryn Lowe and Professor Clare Austin, work jointly with Dr Murali Krishna, a consultant psychiatrist at Holdsworth Memorial Hospital and honorary senior lecturer at the university and Professor Rajagopal Rajendra from the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute.

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Care forum supporters take to the airwaves...

Radio Lancashire'sJohn Gillmore interviews the mayor and other care forum members
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ORGANISERS and supporters of a West Lancs care forum – including the mayor – hit the airwaves last week to spread the message about bringing together services for the elderly across the borough.

A live BBC Radio Lancashire chat, hosted by presenter John Gilmore, was broadcast from the Abbey Wood Lodge care home in County Road, Ormskirk on Wednesday (October 7).

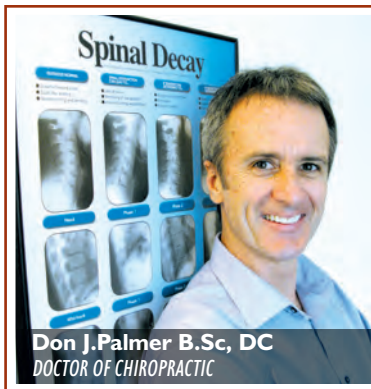
During the programme, Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, and others behind the scheme, spoke about the importance of integrating all elderly residents into the community.

The care forum initiative was spearheaded by Lesley Malone, events organiser at Abbey Wood Lodge, with the aim of encouraging the relevant agencies and charities to meet every three months to discuss how to ensure that all elderly residents do not feel isolated from their local communities.

Lesley said: "The live radio chat was a spectacular success. Representatives of many organisations that are part of the forum came and spoke for 10–minute slots, including Gaye Clark, head of Athena Healthcare group, Lea Jones, the manager of Abbey Wood Lodge, Joe Sherville from Dementia Friends, Ian Williamson from Silverline and staff from other care homes involved, as well as friends and relatives of residents.

"Now we are urging the public to get involved and help us to give the forum an official name, one that will reflect the ethos of all involved.

"Meanwhile, any individuals or other organisations who would like to be involved in the care forum can contact us directly on 01695 767778."



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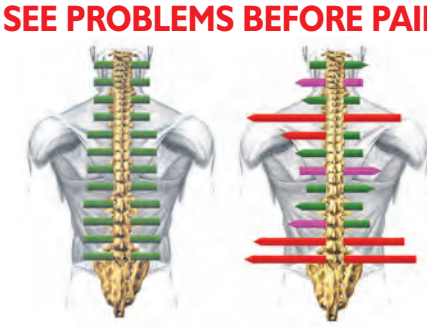

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Time for university to take responsibility for students' actions in the community

I'M a 72–year–old who has had cancer and recently a heart attack and, like many others of my age group, use Ruff Wood to take my dog for a walk, as well as taking exercise for myself.

However, often I'm denied the use of this facility due to irresponsible parking by Edge Hill students who simply abandon their cars in and around the woods leaving no parking facilities for the elderly.

This not only a parking issue but the tranquillity of this natural asset is regularly degraded by groups of students holding lectures within the woods and, indeed, from time to time, tape off access to areas they are working in.

It should not be down to local residents having to continually complain to the police or council before any action is taken. The responsibility should be Edge Hill's, they bring students into our community yet completely refuse to take any responsibility for the students once off campus.

Edge Hill's total disregard for the requirements of local residents and how they deal with complaints made to them is simply outrageous. They should be ashamed of themselves.

They should also remember that every time their students step off the campus it's the local taxpayers that have provided and paid for all the facilities they all enjoy and start to respect what is given by the people of Ormskirk by starting to take responsibility for the troublesome students that cause so much upset and anger to local residents and deal with these issues themselves instead of pushing the responsibility on to our over–stretched police/council to sort out at taxpayers' expense.

I say to the chancellor of Edge Hill, co–operation is a two–way thing. It's time you started to treat the residents of Ormskirk in the manner you expect these very people to tolerate your truculent charges who live within our community and on a daily basis cause concerns and anguish to decent law–abiding residents who for many years now have struggled with these issues.

You have taken homes, taken green belt and turned the town into a students' playground late at night. It's time to stop the take, take, take and to give, give, give something back.

P. Reeves, Ormskirk

Increased police presence needed during term time

WHILST enjoying a drink in an Ormskirk pub on Wednesday (September 30) my attention was turned towards a group of around 50 teenagers involved in a running battle.

The police were called, and after at least 15 minutes of fighting, having made their way into Ruff Lane, the youths were eventually confronted by a solitary police officer.

Many of the participants had left the main group but the remainder carried on up Ruff Lane, screaming and shouting.

Further large and equally unruly groups emerged from the town, some going up Ruff Lane, whist some went into Victoria Park.

Eventually, a larger police presence met the aggressors and stayed within the vicinity of the town centre after the youths had finally dispersed.

Given the direction that the youths went, I can only assume that they were 'students' at Edge Hill University.

This letter is not merely a dig students or a dig at the police. I am aware that Ormskirk police station is closed at night and that officers must respond from Skelmersdale. This would explain why it took so long for them to attend the incident in any significant numbers.

I do, however, wonder why Ormskirk police station can't be staffed at night during the university's term times, given that the population of the town increases so dramatically at these times.

Maybe, if approached, the university could see its way to contributing, financially, towards the cost incurred.

S. J. N., Ormskirk

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Up on the roof terrace

Students enjoying some fine autumn weather on the roof terrace at Edge Hill University's recently opened Sports Centre.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Pumping station closures are just part of a bigger problem

THE closure of pumping stations tends to get the headlines but is part of a larger problem. Drainage within the Alt–Crossens catchment is a complex system and reliant on pumping in a large proportion of West Lancashire.

However, water is moved through hundreds of miles of man–made watercourses on its way to the sea and funding will also be withdrawn for their maintenance. This was an important contributing factor to the flooding on the Somerset Levels with which comparisons can be drawn.

We should not be complacent despite reassurances that there is no increased risk of floodwater inside residential properties.

Our ancestors realised the value of land when they began drainage operations here in the 17th century, converting marshland and peat bogs into thousands of hectares of the most fertile and productive agricultural land in the country.

The area is now of regional and national importance as a supplier of potatoes, vegetables and salad crops. This production contributes millions of pounds to our local economy and supports a plethora of local businesses and associated jobs.

Neither should we ignore the potential effects of raised water tables and flooding on important infrastructure such as roads, railways, utility supplies and telecommunications.

DEFRA are withdrawing funding from the Environment Agency for land drainage operations in West Lancashire, they see this as being a local issue. A solution needs to be found that will require the collaboration of our representatives in national and local government and other agencies.

The clock is now ticking and, as Rosie Cooper has previously stated, "do nothing" is not an option!

John Herbert, Narrow Moss Lane, Scarisbrick

Blooming lovely – but it's just a start

I RECENTLY drove down Burscough Street, Ormskirk to the small roundabout where Yew Tree Road joins and was delighted to see that one of the three large planters there had been re–varnished and cut back and filled with flowers.

What a lovely site and great improvement.

This is a major road in to Ormskirk and these planters should be a showpiece. The planters have been left derelict for the last few years.

Unfortunately the other two containers are still overgrown and in desperate need of an overhaul. I do hope the council do the same and re–paint/varnish and plant them before winter sets in.

Otherwise the simple and cheap task of re–painting/varnishing/planting them will turn into a major project next year as they degrade with the added expense borne by the residents of Ormskirk.

Val Kaye, Ormskirk resident

Councils need new strategy on traffic problems

MY husband and I attended the Knowsley Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting at the Cottage Lane Mission on September 21.

Along with many local residents, we are very concerned about the traffic on Cottage Lane which is a very narrow lane and no longer fit to carry today's traffic.

It cannot cope with large agricultural vehicles and international transporters, in addition to parents taking their children on the school run. The speed limit is 20mph but the police will not enforce it.

Around 70 people were at the PACT meeting protesting and we need the borough and county councils to listen to local people and take urgent action or adopt a new strategy on the problem as a whole to ease traffic flows, congestion and speeding problems in this area.

Sabrina & Richard Tedford, Omskirk

Inspiration called for if we want to entice shoppers

I HAVE read a lot of complaints regarding the gutters installed in the new paving to Ormskirk's pedestrian area.

I'm in my 40s, wear flat shoes and still stumbled on them.

I understand painting them white is a possibility. How awful would this look!

Why not cover them with a black, iron, Victorian–style grill?

Also, where are the lovely trees that are meant to be lining our new market area? The council needs to consider not just practicality but also the aesthetics of our little town. We need to be enticing shoppers of all ages into Ormskirk.

Look at Knutsford, it's a joy to visit.

Perhaps the decision–makers need to journey out of their offices to find a little inspiration.

Regarding the parking situation around Ormskirk, would a cut in the councillors' expenses fund free parking?

Wendy Marsh, Ormskirk

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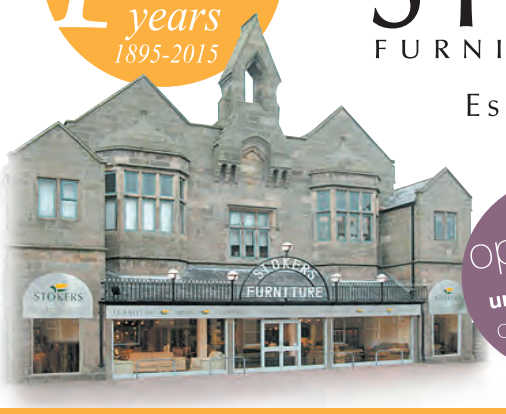

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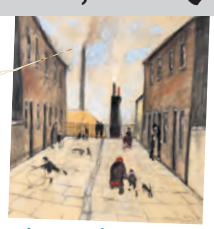

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Dog trainer in call for ban on 'cruel' pinch collars

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A WEST Lancashire dog trainer is calling for spiky–pronged 'pinch collars' to be banned in the UK as she says using them is tantamount to inflicting "torture" on the animals.

Donna Caldecott, who owns the K9 of LC Training Academy – a behavioural, education, socialising and training centre for dogs – in Tarleton, has organised a petition campaigning for the collars to be outlawed.

She says they can pierce the skin of a dog if it pulls away from the owner when wearing one on a lead.

Donna became aware of the issue when a friend brought a stray dog to her after it was found running around local streets and she was shocked to find that it had been fitted with a prong training collar, also known as a pinch collar. These have already been banned in many countries.

She said: "These spiked collars are just a torture tool and it was lucky the dog's neck had not been pierced.

"The collar was too tight, the spikes were already touching the dog's skin before he had even started pulling on the lead. It should at least be loose when it is worn to give the dog a chance.

"It's terrible that dogs are being dragged around on these horrific collars. You can control your dog by training and you should have enough control without hurting your dog.

"These collars are hard to get hold of and people are buying them online and getting them shipped in. They should be banned as they are torturous and inhumane."

An example of the damage that can be caused by a prong collar.

She hopes her petition will reach 100,000 signatures and then she can submit it to parliament. Already more than 650 people have signed since she set it up last week.

A spokesperson for the RSPCA, which opposes the use of the collars, said: "Pinch collars are based on the principle of applying something painful or frightening to stop an undesirable behaviour – when a dog pulls on the lead, the prongs of the collar close around the neck which can cause pain or discomfort which reduces the chance of the dog pulling on the lead again."

• To sign the petition go to the website change.org and search for 'Ban the use of inhumane training aids on dogs.'

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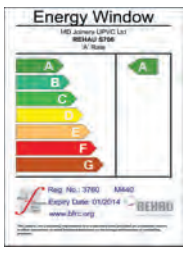

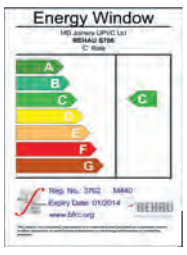

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Council adopts new guide on 'minor' Green Belt planning applications

WEST Lancs Council has adopted a document which will guide planning officers on applications for Green Belt developments.

The Green Belt Supplementary Planning Document will provide guidance on small schemes, including house extensions, replacement of existing dwellings, barn conversions, and stables. It will help the authority decide which planning applications should be approved and those which should be rejected.

A public consultation was held on a draft document earlier this year and a number of amendments were made to the document in the light of representations the council received.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "More than 90% of West Lancashire is Green Belt land and it is important the council has suitable written guidance on how it should deal with planning applications for small developments within this area.

"We are grateful to everyone who gave their views during the consultation as this has helped shape the document to meet the needs of West Lancashire and its people."

The new document is one of several which supplement the current West Lancashire Local Plan which was adopted in October 2013. It can be viewed at www.westlancs.gov.uk /planningpolicy.

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Thousands reap benefits of welfare rights team's efforts

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF at Lancashire County Council's Welfare Rights Service have said they have made thousands of people better off by making sure that they receive the benefits which they are entitled to – and they are encouraging more residents to come forward.

As a result of the service's efforts more than £12m in benefits – for which people were eligible but which were going unclaimed – are now supporting residents with basic living costs like buying food and heating their home.

During the 12 months from April 2014 to March 2015, the Welfare Rights Service dealt with more than 11,000 people with various needs.

This demand is increasing with more people than ever using the service. During this financial year alone, the Welfare Rights Service has already dealt with more than 2,500 people and taken nearly 8,000 telephone calls.

The team has been working tirelessly to make sure that people are aware of and take up their full entitlement of benefits.

So far this year, Welfare Rights staff have identified residents' needs and helped thousands of people by:

• Inviting the over–75s for a free and confidential benefits check. This resulted in more than 600 people being better off by over £490,000.

• Helping more than 100 people with successful benefit appeals.

• Raising awareness of benefit rules and entitlements, which generated £3.7m in benefits meaning an average increase to weekly income of £85.80 per week for 700 people.

• Raising awareness of pension credits and attendance allowance. This meant that people claimed an extra £478,000 in pension credits and more than £740,000 in attendance allowance.

Joanne Barker, Welfare Rights Service manager, said: "We provide free and confidential help and advice with benefit problems for Lancashire residents.

"We are dealing with some of our most vulnerable people, sometimes when they are going through an extremely worrying time due to losing their job or finding themselves unable to work due to serious illness.

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"Many people have no idea what financial support they are entitled to, or have ever claimed a benefit before.

"It is rewarding to be able to help so many people and see the difference the extra money in their pockets makes to their lives. In some cases a few extra pounds a week can make a very big difference to someone on a tight budget.

"The extra money received is often spent locally, which helps to boost the local economy.

"We receive hundreds of compliments and thank–you letters which is so nice. People are really appreciative of the help we give them.

"Sometimes people feel uncomfortable about asking for help, but we would ask anyone who thinks they could be entitled to contact us."

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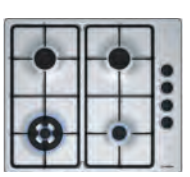

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The board is seeking people who have a good understanding of working with young people and are able to communicate information accurately and clearly.

Safeguarding Children Boards play a vital role in ensuring that agencies such as councils, the police and NHS keep children and young people safe.

Applications must be received by Friday, October 23. More details at www.lancashiresafeguarding.org.uk.

Council relaunches Free Tree Scheme

KEEN gardeners can put their names down for West Lancashire Borough Council's successful Free Tree Scheme which is being relaunched.

The Free Tree Scheme, first introduced in October 2008, aims to improve the borough's environment and attract more wildlife into gardens by encouraging residents to plant more trees.

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Councillor John Hodson, the council's cabinet member for planning and development, said: "Fruit trees are very much part of the area's heritage and, as well as attracting wildlife and providing fruit to eat, they are well–suited to smaller domestic gardens.

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Councillor John Hodson

www.westlancs.gov.uk/trees.

You have until Friday, October 23 to apply. After this date those who are successful will be informed where and when to collect them.

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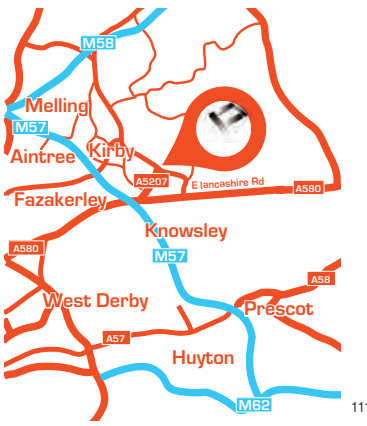

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Litter idea is just another fine mess!

THERE is a new government initiative to try to stem the tide of litter louts. The idea is to slap on a £100 fine – which sounds OK until you realise that there's already a fine of £80 for this offence.

I honestly don't think another 20 quid is going to deter anybody who didn't worry about coughing up £80 in the first place. Frankly, I can't see it making a fag–end's worth of difference.

It seems that governments and local councils too, can see no further in solving a variety of social problems than to slap on arbitrary fines. Which, to me, always tends to dilute the message. Just another way of increasing the amount of money they have, see?

Now, of course it probably would work if the fine were to be increased to, say, £1,000 but that would not only be a ridiculous hammer to crack a nut but also grossly unfair on litterers of limited means compared to the fat cat who may discard his cigar end in the street. There could be a slogan – 'You've got to be rich to litter.'

A far better idea would be to make pariahs out of litter louts, as is successfully being done to those stubborn (and, OK, probably daft) people like me who continue to smoke.

Oh, and instead of collecting a few bob in fines – while spending money on those who catch them – more litter bins would be a good idea. And instead of fines, why not a compulsory penalty of a week's litter picking?

This could, I suppose, be enforced by the dog wardens, who seem to find it very difficult to apprehend those folk who allow their pooches to mess in public places and not clear it up, since dog mess is in any case litter.

Mind you, that brings me to another doggy bone of contention. Apparently some local councils are now employing snoopers empowered to accost anybody they see walking their pet and demand to check if they have doggy poo bags about their person. And if they haven't, why, they can be fined of course!

Now this intrusive and insulting idea has, I think, several flaws.

Just how many doggy bags are you supposed to be able to show, for who knows when the unhappy canine might poop?

What if you've already used the bags you had when you left the house – and how do you prove it, just supposing you have been fortunate in finding a bin to deposit it in?

And there is another thing which mandarins in their Westminster or town hall fortresses probably have no knowledge of at all.

Do you remember as a youngster when you could pick those small, dark–green things off hedgerows – sorry I've no idea what sort of plant they are – with rows of spines like tiny elongated hedgehogs, which if you rubbed them between two fingers would move forwards of their own volition?

Well, I can tell you that if you have a supply of plastic dog poo bags in your pockets (and if those pockets are of the slant type) then the motion of walking has the same effect on them.

You start your walk with, say, six doggy bags but find only one or two left when you come to need them.

The others are, I suppose, now scattered in your wake, and indeed you can frequently find them on the streets and footpaths.

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Debbie goes back to school – with gifts for the pupils

Board game designer Debbie Keigan is pictured with pupils at Burscough Priory Science College and the copies of her new game which handed out

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A FORMER student at Burscough Priory Science College went back to school to talk about her career as a board game designer – and also handed out gifts worth hundreds of pounds.

Debbie Keigan, who attended the Trevor Road school 35 years ago, contacted the school's director of Year 7, Helen Livesley, to offer a copy of her new game, Cash Trap, to every student in the year group.

And she visited the school on Friday (October 9) to hand them out herself and give a talk on her career during the school's morning assembly.

Helen Livesley said: "Our Year 7 students were delighted with the game and queued up for Debbie to sign their copies at the end of the assembly.

"She kindly donated enough games for each pupil to have one, as well as copies for use in our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education classes during financial awareness lessons with the aim of encouraging group work and strategic thinking."

The objective of the game – which retails at around £10 – is for players to move all their money bags from their starting places to the opposite side of the board (the bank) while not allowing the other players to complete the same task, through use of tactics, traps and action cards.

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Chance to recognise health staff who 'make a difference'

PATIENTS in West Lancashire are being asked to nominate health professionals who have made a difference.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, which provides health and wellbeing services to people across the county, has launched its seventh annual staff awards celebrations with members of the public invited to submit nominations for the People's Choice Award.

Trust chief executive, Heather Tierney–Moore, said: "The awards are a great way for members of the public to tell us about an individual or team who has demonstrated excellent, compassionate care and made their healthcare experience a positive one.

"This award generates a lot of excitement and for many is the most anticipated as it is chosen for and by the people who really matter – the people we help.

"We know it is often the little things that can make a huge difference to someone, be they a service user, carer or family member."

Closing date for nominations is Monday, November 9. These can be made online at lancashirecare .nhs.uk/Peoples–Choice–2016.

Heather Tierney–Moore

MP welcomes disbanding of housing panel

Rosie Cooper says scrapping adaptions body is a "step to restoring dignity for borough's elderly and disabled tenants"

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has welcomed the disbanding of the Housing Adaptations Panel as "a welcome step in restoring care and dignity for elderly and disabled council tenants in the borough."

In August the West Lancs MP had raised concerns over the decisions of the panel in two cases where they had refused essential adaptations work while trying to coerce the elderly tenants into moving to smaller properties.

She claimed one tenant had been unable to have a bath in their own home since November 2014.

Ms Cooper also received a further complaint from a family with a young child in need of adaptations who were also refused help.

She said: "I very much welcome the decision to get rid of the Housing Adaptations Panel. It seemed to lack any sense of care for those people desperately awaiting essential adaptation work, such as walk–in showers, grab rails and stairlifts, to help people to remain in their homes and living independently.

"At the very least the elderly, disabled and most vulnerable should expect to be treated with dignity and respect.

"Instead their decisions left people extremely distressed and upset unnecessarily so.

"Having a group of council officers making these decisions without any clear scrutiny of or accountability for their decisions led to a process that was not fit for purpose.

"As the borough council revises its housing adaptations policy it needs to ensure that values of care, dignity and respect are at its very heart."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council commented: "The council puts the wellbeing of its tenants at the heart of all its housing policies.

"In conjunction with the recent consultation exercise on a draft Landlord Services Disabled Adaptations Policy a Housing Adaptations Panel was trialled in order to provide learning and information. Both this trial and the consultation exercise have now concluded and all feedback will be considered, including those comments received from Rosie Cooper MP.

"It is not appropriate for the council to comment on individual cases due to the personal nature of the applications."

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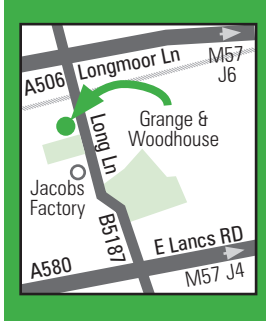

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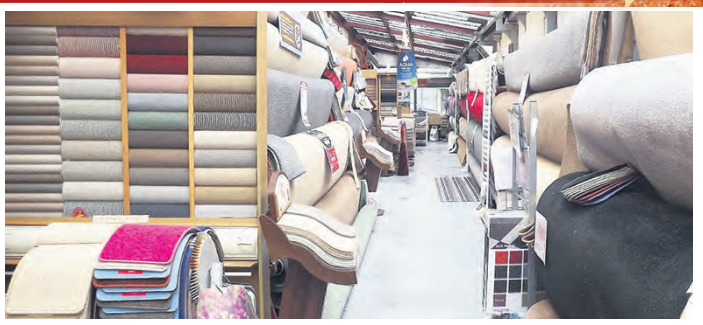

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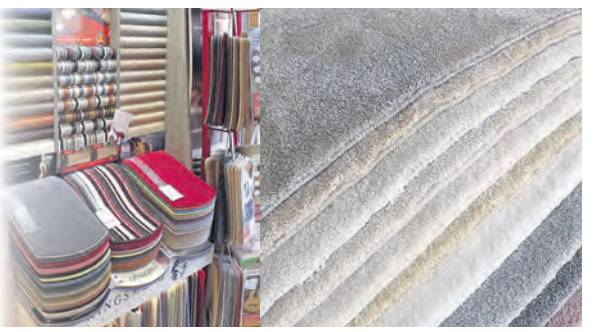

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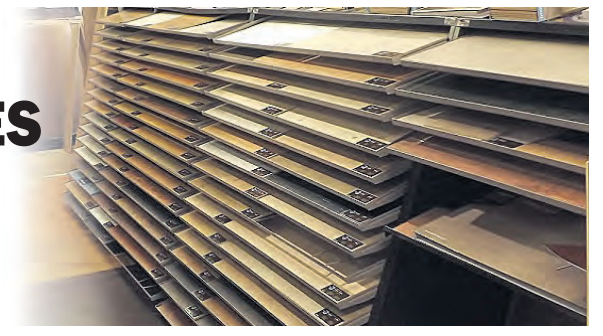

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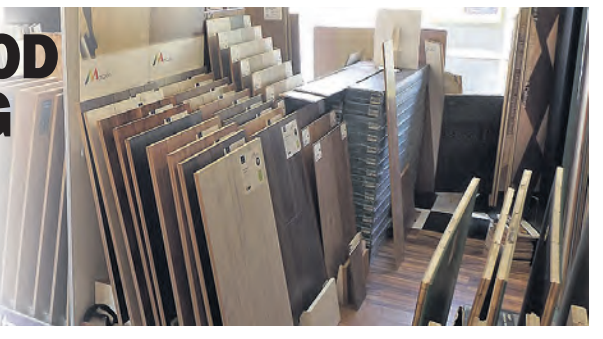

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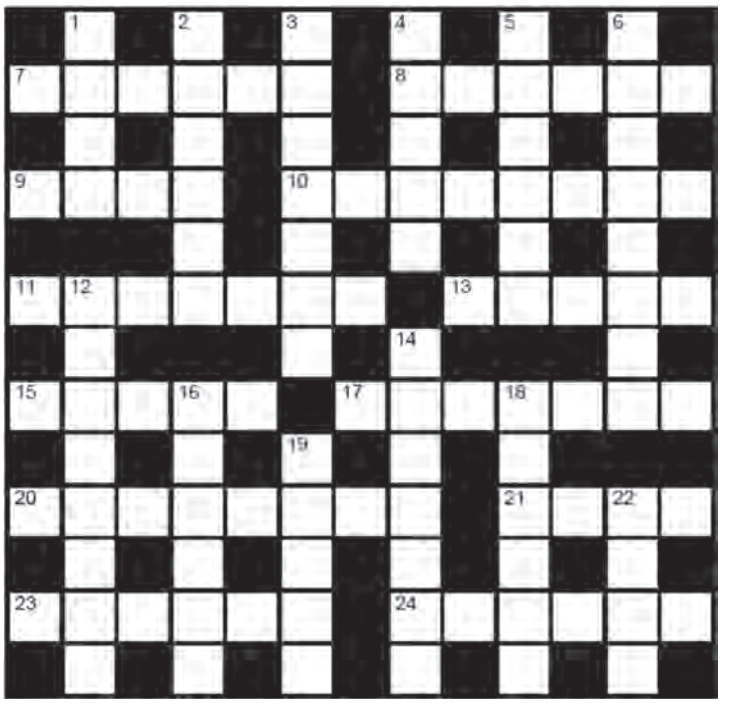

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ACROSS

7 Regulation of pace, occurrence or co-ordination (6)
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9 Russian emperor pre-1917 (4)
10 Television broadcast (8)
11 Relating to or resulting from motion (7)
13 Close-knit social group (5)
15 Property or money brought by a bride to her husband (5)
17 Conjunctivitis (7)
20 Natural illumination (8)
21 Near (4)
23 In a quick tempo (6)
24 Experience again (6)

DOWN

1 State of agitation or nervous excitement (4)
2 Penetrate (6)
3 Activity to increase a sense of self-importance (3,4)
4 In a cold manner (5)
5 Food and household supplies retailer (6)
6 Perhaps? (8)
12 Extreme admiration (8)
14 Study of past events (7)
16 Savour (6)
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Doctor returns with good news for Breathe Easy group

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy welcomed back Southport Hospital respiratory consultant, Dr S. Youzguin as guest speaker at their latest meeting.

Dr Youzguin had some good news for the group, announcing the appointment of a third, fully–trained and experienced respiratory consultant to the team at the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust. Dr Ankur Banerjee fills the vacancy left last year when Dr T. Bongers moved to Cumbria.

He said the area should consider itself lucky as there is a national shortage of respiratory doctors and added that an additional nurse has also joined the team. Sandra Bonner, an experienced respiratory nurse, is currently working in West Lancashire.

Dr Youzguin

Dr Youzguin also updated the group on local clinical developments saying that there is now a dedicated room at Ormskirk Hospital for draining procedures for fluid in the lungs.

The trust also has new equipment for bronchoscopy. EBUS (Endobronchial Ultra Sound) allows a camera to take pictures inside the lungs, including lymph glands. Previously many patients had to be referred to Liverpool hospitals for these procedures.

Dr Youzguin also spoke about a new 'pathway' developed to help patients with respiratory infections.

This was followed by an audience question–and–answer session.

Patricia Ireland of West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "Our thanks to Dr Youzguin for another very helpful visit to our group and we look forward very much to seeing him again next year."

Guest speaker at the group's next meeting on Monday, October 19 will be a specialist diabetes nurse.

This will be held at the Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk, adjacent to the rugby club, starting with light refreshments from 11am and ending at about 12.30pm. Free parking is available nearby and visitors are welcome.

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Paramedics were called but the 76–year–old from Rufford was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her family said: "Our beautiful mother has always been a strong force in our lives. Her faith was her strength and she in turn was our strength. She instilled in us a strong sense of the meaning of family, which she made the centre of her world.

"Her unexpected death has left an enormous void in all of our lives. She had nothing but love in her heart and shared this equally amongst her children, grandchildren and great grandson. Mum was a selfless, warm hearted, gentle lady with a heart of gold and would help anyone who needed it.

"She was a great raconteur sharing her youthful adventures of her days as a young nurse, her holiday adventures with her friends, how she met our late father and the many events that followed. She was witty and captivated us with her stories, which made you feel that you were actually there.

"The love and support we have received from family, friends and those who knew mum has been overwhelming. We have not been surprised to hear of all the good things she did to help others.

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Council launches HomeFinder Facebook page

WEST Lancs Council has launched a social media inititative aimed at making it easier for people to find a council property in the borough.

The council's HomeFinder service has set up its own Facebook page where people can view some of the homes that are available and express an interest in them.

Borough officials believe using Facebook will enable them to show multiple pictures and give more information about available properties which, in turn, they hope will help to get new tenants for empty homes more quickly.

The council say this is just one of a range of online improvements being considered for the benefit of residents in keeping with the authority's digital inclusion strategy.

The page will run for a six–month trial period and if it proves successful other services may be offered to tenants on Facebook to give people another way of accessing them.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for housing, said: "Our new Facebook page will make it even easier for people to get in contact with the council about housing moves as it is a popular channel that many people are comfortable and familiar with.

"This will help us reach a wider audience, including people who may not have considered social housing as an option, as well as making it even easier for existing tenants who want to move to see what properties are available."

The page can be found at facebook.com/west.lancs.homefinder.

The winning Woodland team

Woodland net sporty triumph

SPORTY youngsters from Woodland Community Primary in Skelmersdale are celebrating after netting a notable success.

The youngsters from the Heathgate school saw off the challenge of 12 local rivals to win the Skelmersdale and Up Holland Primary Schools High 5 Netball Tournament held at Glenburn Sports College.

The tournament was organised by the West Lancashire School Sport Partnership with Woodland and Cobbs Brow Primary making it through to the final where the former triumphed 3–0.

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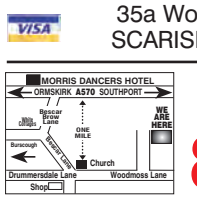

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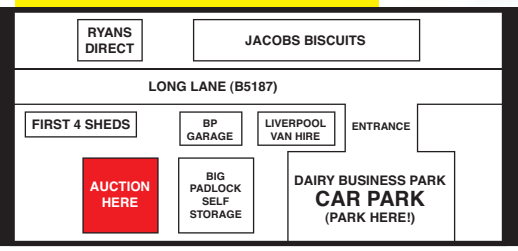


30,000 pink–footed geese flock to WWT Martin Mere

Geese in flight during the day. Pic by Ron Jackson

MORE than 30,000 pink–footed geese have arrived at Martin Mere Wetland Centre and more are expected over the next few weeks.

Reserve manager, Tom Clare, said: "Autumn is one of the best times to visit WWT Martin Mere. We have had 30,000 pink–footed geese using the reserve this week with reports of large numbers still in Iceland and Scotland due to the warmer weather we have had recently, so there is a good chance of us having large numbers for the next few weeks."

The geese will stay in this area for as long as they have food which is often grain on local fields.

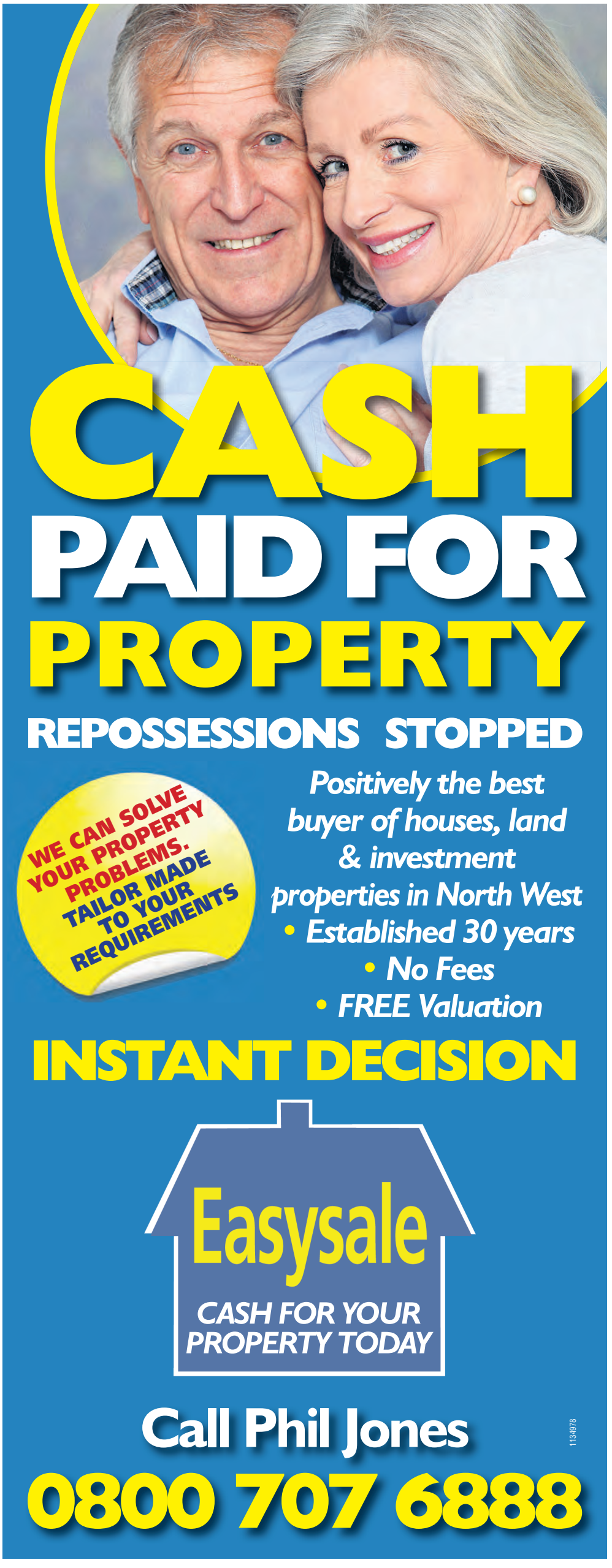
Ultimately they will move on to spend the winter in Norfolk when Martin Mere can expect thousands of whooper swans to start arriving at the centre for the winter.

Over the last 30 years there has been a massive increase in the number of geese travelling through Lancashire and the North West, which will often get 25% of the Icelandic population of pink–feet (approximately 100,000).

Martin Mere had a record number of geese arrive in 2014 with 45,800 of them roosting on site and there is still time to beat that figure over the next couple of weeks.

The centre is also offering special access to allow visitors to see the geese at dawn and dusk. The reserve is opening late until 7pm every Wednesday and Saturday to allow visitors to see the spectacle of thousands of geese come into roost.

Dawn flight events are also taking place every Saturday morning in October with people are invited to come in from 7am. Dawn flight events require booking in advance by calling 01704 895181.



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Drive to raise awareness of hate crime

LANCASHIRE Police are teaming up with other agencies as part of National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2015 running until Saturday (October 17).

The campaign aims to raise awareness of what hate crime is and how to respond to it in a bid to encourage rmore reporting of cases and promote local support services and resources.

Officers are holding events in local communities and will be supporting Disability Equality North West's purple ribbon campaign by wearing ribbons containing a message in support of those affected by hate crime.

Chief Superintendent Stuart Noble, Lancashire Constabulary's lead on hate crime, said: "Hate crime is any criminal offence which is motivated by hostility or prejudice against an identifiable group of people for example race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender, disability, age or gender.

"Hate incidents and crimes of any kind can have a devastating effect on the victim, their families and communities.

"They are frightening and upsetting. But by reporting any incident or crime you can get the help and support you need and prevent it from happening to other people. The only way we can stamp out this sort of behaviour is if we know about it – and we need the public's help to achieve this.

"Hate incidents and crimes of any kind are not acceptable, and instances of it need to end. There is no place for hate in Lancashire."

If you have been the victim of hate crime or you have seen it happen to someone else, call the police on 101.

Chief Supt. Stuart Noble displays the campaign's Twitter hashtag

New regional schools commissioner named

THE new regional schools commissioner for Lancashire is Vicky Beer, the executive principal of two high–performing schools.

Vicky, whose role will also cover West Yorkshire, was awarded a CBE for services to education in 2013 and is currently the National Leader of Education.

She will be responsible for overseeing the growth of more than 500 academies in the region and takes over from current commissioner, Paul Smith on November 1.

Patients give their views on county's health services

MORE than 1,000 patients have shared their opinions of health and care treatment in Lancashire since March as part of an ongoing review aimed at driving improvements to services.

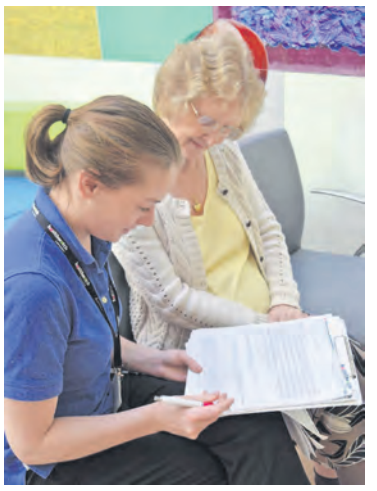
Public engagement activities by staff at Healthwatch Lancashire have resulted in more than 1,100 reviews about 163 different hospital, GP practice, care home, social care, pharmacy and dental services. These have been analysed and shared with the aim of improving care within services.

In total more than 4,500 individual pieces of feedback or responses to research campaigns have been recorded since the start of the year with people also taking part in activities where views have been listened to, such as assessments and patient journeys.

Feedback is shared with those who manage and run services to identify where they are performing well and where improvements can be made.

Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, Gill Brown, commented: "Healthwatch is here to make sure the public have a say in the way health and social care services in Lancashire are delivered."

West Lancs patients can share their views on their treatment at healthwatchlancashire.co.uk.



A patient sharing her views with a Healthwatch Lancashire worker

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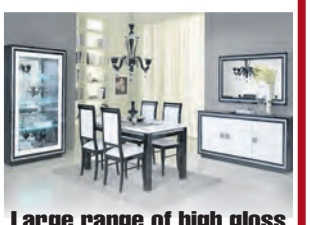

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Campaign highlights importance of regular checks to help spot breast cancer early

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being encouraged to check their breasts as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During October the Communities against Cancer Team at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust will be out promoting the Touch Look Check (TLC) campaign.

TLC highlights the importance of a regular self–check routine, so that men and women are more likely to spot signs and symptoms of breast cancer early.

It's as simple as TLC. T – touch your breasts to feel anything unusual; L – look for changes in the shape or texture; and C – check anything unusual with your doctor.

Alison Rushton from the trusts's Communities against Cancer Team said: "The breast cancer campaign is a great opportunity for us to get out and about to raise awareness while getting people talking about it.

"One in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime and though it is less common in men, they too can develop the condition.

Alison Rushton

"As with many cancers, the earlier it is detected the more effective treatment can be which is why it's so important to get into the habit of checking your breasts often so you can build a clear picture of what's normal for you. This will help you to notice any changes quickly so you can arrange to see your GP early."

Symptoms to look out for when checking your breasts are:

- a lump or thickening in an area of the breast
- a change in the size or shape of a breast
- redness, thickening of the skin, the skin being pulled, or rashes
- a change in the shape of your nipple, particularly if it turns in, sinks into the breast, or has an irregular shape
- watery substance coming from the nipple, especially if blood stained.
- a rash on a nipple or surrounding area
- a swelling or lump in your armpit
- long–standing pain in the breast or armpit area.

More than 80% of breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50 and most men who develop breast cancer are over 60. More than 85% of people who are diagnosed survive breast cancer beyond five years.

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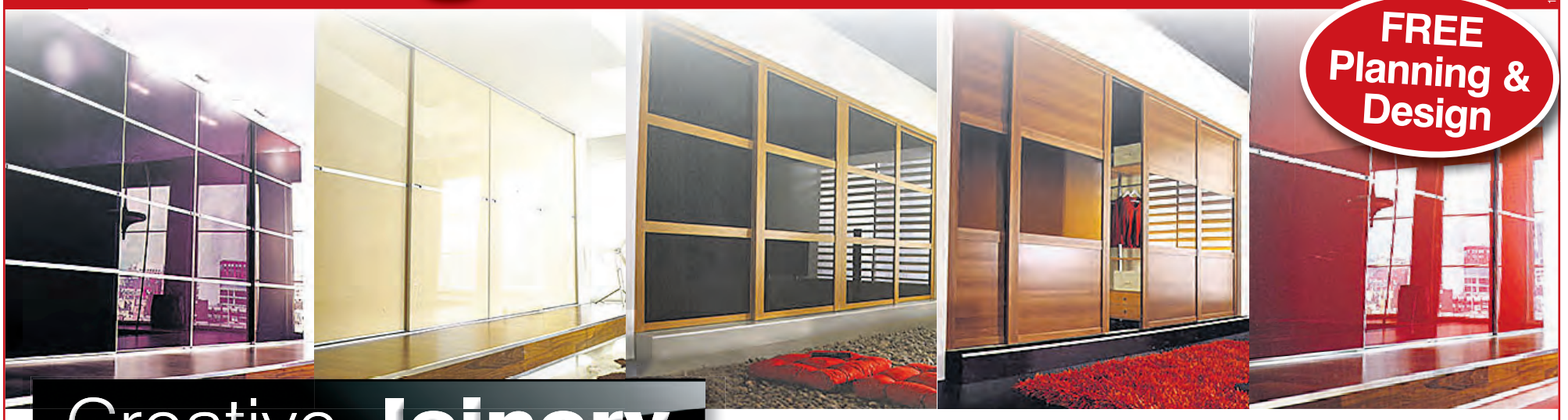

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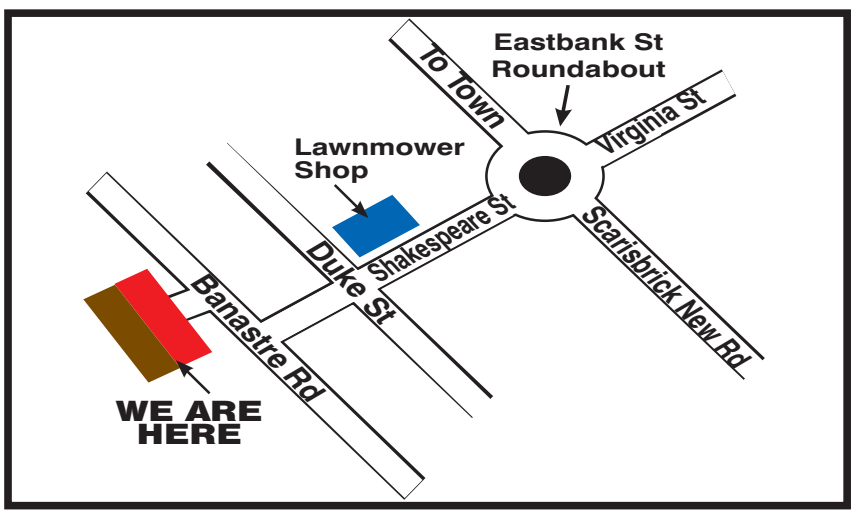

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This will be held at Hurlston Hall Golf Club in Scarisbrick on Wednesday, October 21, starting at 7.30pm.

For more information about the meeting or the West Lancs Heritage Association email Betty Benson on bettybenson@btinternet.com.

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County health chiefs launch app to help young mums–to–be to give up smoking

A NEW mobile app to support young pregnant women to quit smoking for the sake of their own health and their baby's has been launched by Lancashire County Council.

The Quit for Two campaign was launched in March this year to give mums–to–be all the help and support they need via the website quitfortwo.co.uk. The website was developed to provide advice and reassurance to young women aged 16 to 25 about giving up smoking and to encourage them to attend a stop smoking service appointment arranged by their midwife.

The new 'Quit for Us' app helps to continue that support after women have attended their initial stop smoking service appointment. It provides encouragement, helps tackle the myths behind smoking during pregnancy and clearly explains the benefits of quitting.

The app also includes helpful information about the size and development of a baby at different stages of pregnancy, a savings calculator and a quiz based on useful facts about pregnancy.

County Councillor Ali

This is one of the first apps to be developed by the county council.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Teenage women are six times more likely to smoke throughout pregnancy than older mums–to–be, therefore young pregnant women are most in need of this additional support to help them quit.

"Whether you are pregnant or not, smoking has serious health consequences but it can be devastating for a growing baby.

"This new app will be a helpful resource to encourage young women throughout the difficult process of giving up smoking and we hope that it will help to increase the number of women who successfully quit smoking while pregnant."

The app was produced in response to research with pregnant women which showed that 16 to 25–year–olds would prefer to use mobile apps to get information and support.

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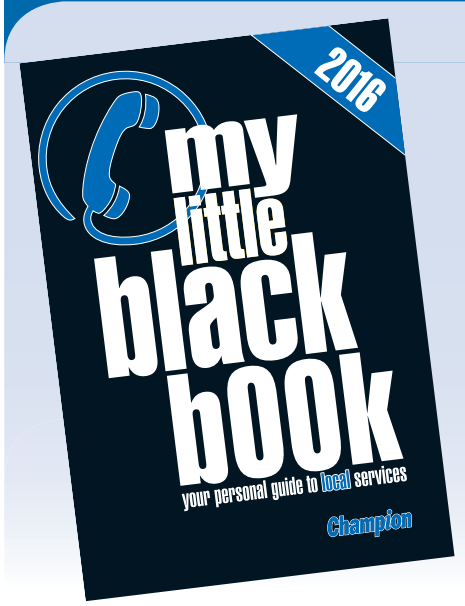

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All aboard for Fibre Fest

By **Danielle Thompson**

THE fourth annual Fibre Festival is being held in Burscough on Sunday, October 25.

Organised by Carole and Colin Wareing, proprietors of the floating yarn shop, The Wool Boat, the event is popular with crafters, knitters and crocheters.

It will run from 10am to 4pm aboard the couple's narrowboat which will be moored at The Grove on Station Approach and visitors can try out new types of knitting, felt and dress–making stalls and buy from a large range of yarns and crafting goods from many knitting retailers.

Carole and Colin and their Wool Boat moored on the Leeds Liverpool canal ahead of a previous Fibre Festival. Code1053976

Popular

Colin Wareing said: "For our fourth fibre festival we have collected together a range of yarn traders and crafters to sell their wares, along with the popular 'knit and natter' area where people can relax over a brew or snack from the café in The Grove. We also have an ice–cream van coming this year.

"We are being supported by returning traders from last year and also some new ones, so hopefully there will be a good mix to interest all the crafters out there.

"The Canal and River Trust, who are custodians of the inland waterways that we use, are setting up a Coast to Coast canoe trail running from Liverpool along the canal and on over to Goole. One of the aims is to get more people – young and old – engaged and interested in the waterways so they are coming along to the Fibre Fest so that we can knit life jackets for them!

"Stallholder Natalie Tidy from Knatters Knit is returning to the festival after a couple of years away and she will be bringing her spinning wheel, while Rainy Williamson is heading over from The Little Lancashire smallholding near Bolton where she has her own flock of sheep and has recently started to produce her own brand of Lancashire yarn.

"Once again the Queenscourt Hospice shop will be selling donated items of knitwear as a fundraiser for the work they do.

"Judging of the competition's knits will start at 3pm."

Entry to the event is £1.

Members of the 4th Parbold and Dalton Brownies with the results of their litter–picking efforts last week

Brownies' clean sweep

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Bikers set to 'think pink' for cancer campaign

VOLUNTEER champions of the biggest women's cycling programme in the country are arranging 'Wear It Pink' rides around Lancashire to raise awareness of breast cancer.

British Cycling's Breeze is a free cycling programme for women led by 'Breeze Champions' who organise fun, free, local bike rides every week that are tailored to suit all abilities.

The programme has teamed up with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to raise awareness of breast cancer by organising 'Wear It Pink' rides throughout October.

The Communities against Cancer Team at the trust has supplied Breeze champions with brief advice cue cards summarising the 'Touch, Look, Check' breast self–check routine and the common symptoms of breast cancer to read out to participants before or after the rides.

The rides often start or finish at a café so people can have a drink and a chat.

Alison Rushton, the Communities against Cancer lead at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We are delighted that the British Cycling Breeze network in Lancashire has agreed to support us with promotion of the October breast awareness messages.

The 'Wear It Pink' rides aim to raise awareness of breast cancer

"It's a great opportunity to connect with women across Lancashire who we may not usually be able to reach.

"Encouraging women to 'Wear It Pink' for the bike rides in October will help us to get the message out about the importance of recognising the signs and symptoms of breast cancer in a fun and engaging way.

"As one in eight women will develop breast cancer it is so important for all women to know what signs to look out for and how to check for these."

Tommy Morrisroe, senior programmes officer at British Cycling, said: "'We are thrilled to be able to support such a fantastic campaign.

"Our programme is aimed at giving women confidence to ride and get out on their bike so this is the perfect opportunity to work together with Lancashire Care and reach as many women as we can."

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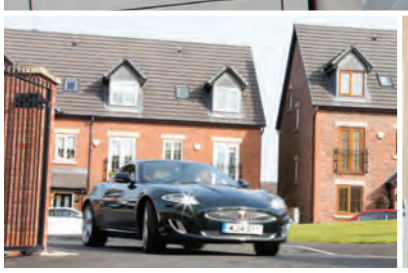

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A SINGER from Burscough will be supporting Henry Priestman from the Christians at Burscough Wharf Arts Centre this Friday (October 16).

Musician Gary Gardner, who recently released his first album, Tell it Like It Is, was a finalist for the Liverpool Hunger Games Acoustic Showcase and the artist of the week on Chris Curries' Wirral Radio show.

With only his acoustic guitar he has been performing all over Liverpool for the last three years, singing at various venues including The Zanzibar, The Lomax, Sound and HOPE Fest.

He said: "I live in Burscough but this is the first time I will have played here in the three years I have been gigging. I will be supporting Henry Priestman, the songwriter/pianist from The Christians and I am really excited about it."

The concert starts at 7.30pm.

For more information visit garygardnermusic.co.uk

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Gary Gardner's new album has just been released

Drama club presents Steel Magnolias

Preview by **Ron Ellis**

SOUTHPORT Dramatic Club is to present Steel Magnolias – the stage version of the heart–warming comedy film.

The play follows the lives of five remarkable ladies from the Deep South state of Louisiana. They are the beautiful and impulsive Shelby (Beth Milligan); her strong–willed mother, M'Lynn (Tracey Batchelor); beauty parlour owner, Truvy (Emma Birchall); elegant wealthy widow, Clairee (Jacquie Wade); sharp–tongued Ousier (Dyan Ensenat) and mousey newcomer, Annelle (Michelle Pappini) as they share life's ups and downs together.

A truly moving play that celebrates the value of friendship, humour and love in the midst of life's greatest hardships.

These special tales will have you crying and laughing together. If you enjoyed Calendar Girls, you won't want to miss this.

Directed by Stephen Hughes–Alty and Michelle Martin, the play runs from Friday, October 23 to Saturday, October 31 at 7.45pm each evening at Southport Little Theatre. Tickets from the Little Theatre Box Office. Tel: 01704 530521/530640.

Ministry of Science to explode onto stage

LADIES and Gentlemen, boys and girls, please keep your head firmly on your shoulders and your arms and legs inside the ride at all times – Ministry of Science Live explodes onto the stage at Southport Theatre.

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The show will be at Southport Theatre on Thursday, October 22 at 11am and 6.30pm.

Investigating the inventors and engineers who have shaped the modern world we live in, the audience experience everything from liquid nitrogen flowers to hydrogen bottle rockets, Buzz Aldrin to Virgin Galactic, cat food tins to hovercraft and methane to the invention of the battery. Expect loud explosions and more.

Ministry of Science Live is a fully engaging interactive experience that explores energy and engineering using demonstrations and historical references as a narrative. Combining live entertainment with the world of education the show's primary aim is to inspire and educate young people through the medium of live theatre.

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The family of the late Roy would like to express their heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for all the messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations received for Queenscourt Hospice, during their recent sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Special thanks to Rev. Ian Jones for his kind ministrations, Doctors and Nursing staff for all their care and attention given and to MLS Independent Funeral Directors, especially Lisa Hunter for the very dignified funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HIPWELL Olive Marina

Jimmy and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind cards of condolence, flowers and donations received for Mere Brow Methodist Church.

Thanks to the carers and nurses who visited her daily and Dr Southern for her comforting visits.

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Thank you to Rev Kevin Jones for his thoughtful ministrations and W.H. Hull's for their dignified arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CAUNCE THOMAS

Margaret and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kindness and sympathy shown to them following their recent loss of a wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Also for the many cards, floral tributes and kindly sent donations for Holmeswood Methodist Chapel and Pulmonary Hypertension Association UK.

Thanks to Doctors and Nurses of wards 9B and 14B at Southport Hospital and special thanks to Reverend Michael Tindsley for the comforting service.

Finally a sincere thank you to Malcolm and the staff at Cookson Tyrer, Funeral Directors, for funeral arrangements and the respect and dignity shown to the family at this difficult time.

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DEATHS

GRAHAM Alma

3 October 2015

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital, aged 104 years

Formerly of Bridge Street, Ormskirk and Aughton Park Methodist Care Home. Dearly loved wife of late husband John, loving mother of Brian and Joan, mother-in-law to Patricia and devoted Nan of Laura (Martin), David, Rebecca and Ian (Manon). Great Nan to Hannah, Edward, Kelty & Jody and Eryn. Funeral service will be held at Southport Crematorium on Monday 19th October 2015 at 11.20am. Donations if desired to the Alzheimers Society. Enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors, 16 Derby Street West. 01695 577200.

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DEATHS

BOLTON Ellen "Nellie"

8th October 2015

Passed away peacefully at Wigan Infirmary after a short illness aged 93 years

Beloved wife of the late Harold, much loved mum of Alan and wife Hazel, loving nan to Ryan and Jason, great grandma to Hal. Funeral service to take place at Upholland Parish Church on Monday 19th October 2015 at 1.30pm followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations in memory of Nellie to The British Heart Foundation c/o the family. All enquires to R.Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green,Upholland, Wigan. Tel: 01695 622099

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DEATHS

SIMON Bob

4th October 2015

Suddenly but peacefully aged 73 years

Precious husband of Rhona. Dearest dad of Chris and Jacqui. Loving father-in-law of Ade and Deb. Devoted grandad of Lucy, Ruth Natalia and Ben. Service at St Andrew's Maghull Friday 16th October at 9.30am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium 10.40am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Claire's Housechildren's Hospice. Enquiries and donations c/o Graham J Clegg, 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330

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CORBYN Sheila

15th September

Husband Brian and daughter Moira would like to thank all family members and friends for their heartfelt sympathy and thoughts during the recent sad loss of Sheila, also for all the cards and floral tributes received.

Many thanks to Care Concern and all the dedicated carers who tended to Sheila in her hour of need, along with the District Nurses, I couldn't have coped without any of them. May God bless them all.

And finally a special thanks to Rev. Phil Green for a very thoughtful and comforting service. Also my thanks to H. Johnson and Sons for their dignified approach and help they gave throughout all of the procedure.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Irene Helen Kettle

5th October 2015

Gerald, Bernard, Patricia & Michael & families wish to thank relatives, friends & neighbours for all their kind messages of sympathy, flowers & donations received during the sad loss of their much loved Mum, Irene Kettle. Special thanks to Father John Bradley for his heartfelt service & Dean Brothers for the dignified funeral arrangements. Donations for Mum's 2 charities are being gratefully received c/o Deans Brothers 76 Gores Lane Formby L37 7DF. Cheques payable to 'Sightsavers' or 'MDU Trust Fund Benefit' (Oncology Dept Southport), or visit www.justgiving.com/IreneKettle

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DEATHS

NOLAN Danny

Peacefully at home on 8th October, aged 79 years

Went to sleep and never woke up. Beloved husband of the late Sheila, much loved dad of Lynn, Paul and Alan, son-in-law Billy and daughter-in-law Louise and Dianne. Loving grandad of David, Andrew, Steven, Lucy, Rachel and Ben. Will be sadly missed by everyone. Goodnight, God bless Dad.

xxx

Donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Margaret Whitelam at Skelmersdale Funeral Services 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

CROPPER Anne-Marie (Nee Moffatt)

10th September 2015

Aged 47 years

Loving mum to Lee, Tara, Becci and Coral, doting grandma to Dylan, Megan, Freya-Anne and Kian, special daughter of Cedric, caring sister of the late Lee. Service at Emmanuel Parish Church on Wednesday 14th October at 1:00pm followed by interment at Duke Street Cemetery. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

HUGHES Joan

On 9th October 2015

Peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

Loving wife of John, devoted mum of Janet, John and Julie, cherished nan of Peter, Antony, John, Bethany, Chloe, Connor, Scarlett and Eliza. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem mass will be held at St. Francis Church on Tuesday 20th October at 10.30am followed by committal at St. Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTINE RODDEN

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20th October 2015

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GREENWOOD ANDREW

Joan and family would like to express sincere gratitude to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and generous donations sent for S.O.R.T. in memory of Andrew.

Thank you to Reverend Martin Abrams for his thoughtful tribute and kind words.

Thank you to Carl Howard at Howard's Funeral Directors for his professional and caring funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

ASHALL James Trevor

Joyce & Charles the family of the late James Trevor Ashall would like to say thank you to doctors, nurses, carers, family, friends & neighbours for love & care shown to Trevor, for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, donations for Marie Curie & Macmillan. Lela for her lovely Bible reading. A special thanks to Rev Barbara Banton for the beautiful service, kind and thoughtful ministrations and all the staff at W.Banks Funeral Service Orrell. God bless you all.

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DEATHS

COFIELD Thomas James

3rd October 2015

Aged 80 years.

Husband of Audrey (Deceased)
Father of Peter and Alison (Deceased)
Grandad to Ben, Heather and Holly and Great Grandad to Sofia and Daisie.
Funeral service took place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 12th October 2015 at 12.00.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 572997.

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DEATHS

CHECKLEY Devereux Colin

4th October 2015

Aged 90 years.

Devoted husband of the late Joyce, best dad in the world to Paul and Lynn, father-in-law to Julie and Mark, most wonderful grandad to Anthony, Martin, Ryan, Christy and Natasha. Service at St Cuthbert's Parish Church on Thursday 15th October at 2:30pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for the Stroke Association. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Edwards Peter

Peacefully at Alma Green Care Home with his family at his side on 5th October 2015 aged 84 years

Beloved husband of Vi, dear dad to Jacky, Andy and Steve, devoted grandad and great grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and many friends. A funeral service will be held at St Thomas The Martyr Church, Upholland on Friday 16th October 2015 at 10.30 am followed by cremation at St Helens Crematorium at 12.00 Noon. Family flowers please,donations if desired for St Barnabas Aid or Macmillan Nurses. All enquires to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan. Tel (01695) 622099. www.rbanksandson.co.uk

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IN MEMORIAM

Nolan Barry

FOREVER IN OUR THOUGHTS

15th October 2014

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Thankyou for prayers answered to the Sacred Heart, the Devine Mary, Our Lady and St. Bernadette, St. Anthony, St. Jude and St Martin. More prayers needed. CS (45282)

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(to be said every hour for nine consecutive hours and promise publication).

O God who has said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you". I know, I seek, I ask that my prayers be answered *(your request)*

O God who has said "All that you ask of the Father in My name will be granted" - I humbly and urgently request the Father in Thy name that my request be granted. *(request)*

O God who has said "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not". Through the intersection of Mary Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayers will be answered *(request).* **A.F.**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Licensing Act 2003 Notice of application for a New Premises Licence

Name of applicant: Co-operative Group Food Limited. Address of Premises: Former Mount Carmel Playing Field (adjacent to Aughton Train Station), Long Lane, Aughton L39 5BU The licensable activities will be for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises between Monday-Sunday 07:00-22:00. Conditions will apply.

Anyone wishing to make a representation to this application may do so by Wednesday 4 November 2015.

A record of the application made to the Licensing Authority will be kept on a register at the address given below and the register may be inspected during normal office hours. All representations regarding this application MUST BE IN WRITING and sent to:
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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ROBIN LANE, HILLDALE, DICCONSON WAY AND BROOK LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(PART REVOCATION, PROHIBITION OR WAITING AND PROHIBITION OF LOADING/UNLOADING) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1) Revoke that part of the (West Lancashire District Area)(On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009 insofar as it relates to Schedule 10.01 items 60(a), 60(b)(i) and (ii) and 60(c).
2) Introduce a Prohibition of Waiting on the following lengths of road:
(a) Robin Lane, Hilldale, both sides, from the centreline of Chorley Road for a distance of 41 metres in a north-westerly direction.
(b) Brook Lane, Ormskirk, the north side, from a point 76 metres north-east from the centreline of Altys Lane for a distance of 18 metres in a north-easterly direction.
(c) Dicconson Way, Ormskirk, the west side, from the centreline of Wigan Road for a distance of 94 metres in a southerly direction.
(d) Dicconson Way, Ormskirk, the east side from the centreline of Wigan Road for a distance of 108 metres in a southerly direction.
3) Introduce a Prohibition of Loading/Unloading on the following lengths of road:
(a) Dicconson Way, Ormskirk, the west side, from a point 58 metres south from the centreline of Wigan Road for a distance of 36 metres in a southerly direction.
(b) Dicconson Way, Ormskirk, the east side, from a point 58 metres south from the centreline of Wigan Road, for a distance of 50 metres in a southerly direction.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the Chief Executive, West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF and at the offices of The Director of Governance Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\5.47376\RH3** before the 12th November.

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
14th October 2015

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2015/0103
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - VARIATION OF CONDITION 6 OF PLANNING PERMISSION REF 8/11/0528 TO ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF GREEN WASTES AND AGGREGATES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 06.00 TO 18.30 MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, 07.30 TO 17.30 HOURS ON SATURDAYS AND 10.00 TO 16.00 ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. AT WHITEMOSS HORTICULTURAL, NORTH PERIMETER ROAD, KNOWSLEY.

I give notice that White Moss Horticulture is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

The proposed development is within green belt

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 4 November 2015.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 4 November 2015 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 14 October 2015

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/1007/FUL Change of use of ten acre field previously used as NEC horse riding school to use of the land to grow Christmas trees. Extension of existing driveway to provide vehicular access to the field at Land Adjacent And To The Rear Of 31, Brookfield Lane, Aughton.
Application No: 2015/1019/COU Retrospective change of use of land (former piggery) to residential garden at The Beeches, 4A Shaws Garth, Halsall.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0701/FUL Alteration and extension to existing rear dormer and installation of roof windows on front elevation at 20 Station Road, Parbold.
Application No: 2015/0986/FUL Extension of existing conservatory to the whole width of the house and first floor extension of existing dormer to add one bedroom and one bathroom at 11 Dean Close, UpHolland, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 14th October 2015
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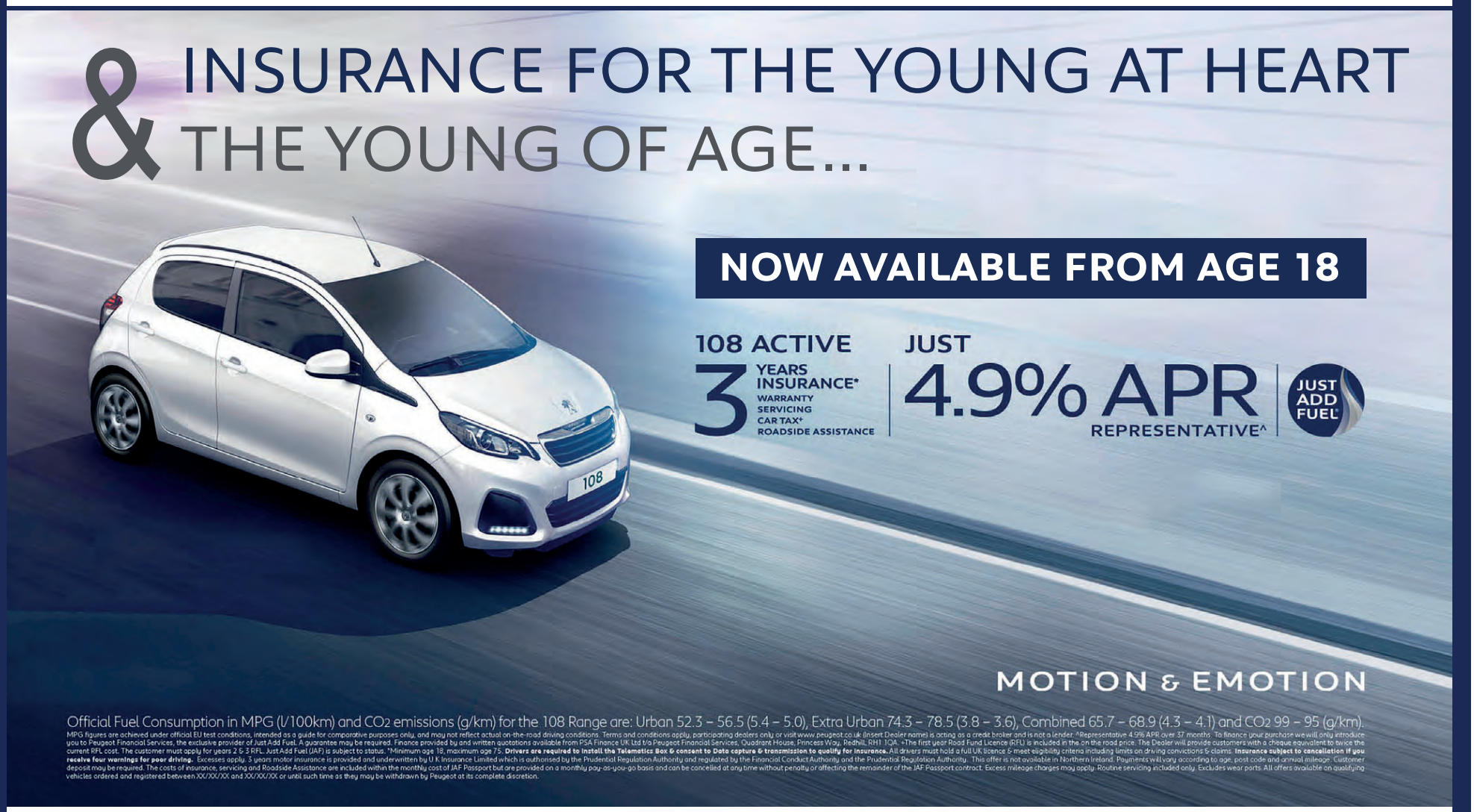

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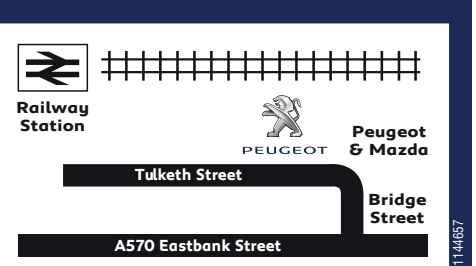

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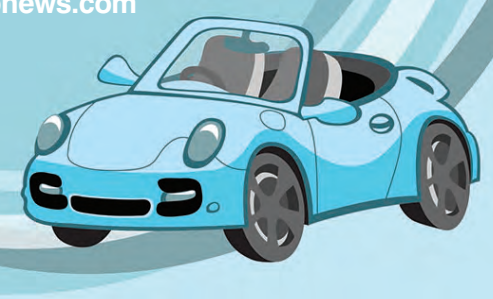

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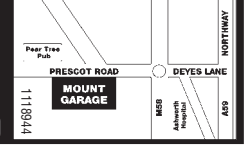

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Linnets crash out of FA Cup at Harrogate

Harrogate Town 3
Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH crashed out of the FA Cup in the Fourth Qualifying Round at Harrogate Town.

Town started in attacking mode, with Daniels teaming well with Knowles in the opening two minutes, Knowles finding the perfect cross to Daniels, but it was thwarted at the back post.

A quick counter saw Burscough nearly score from a resulting free kick but Town's keeper was on hand to make a crucial clearance.

Moments later, on 11 minutes, Louie Swain on a blistering run, drilled home from 20 yards to make it 1–0 to the home side.

Within minutes, Burscough were on the back–foot again as Knowles spotted the keeper off his line and fired a cheeky 45 yard shot which just went wide of the net.

Burscough were growing more frustrated with Town dominating the play. A nasty tackle from a Linnets player then saw Burscough down to ten men before half–time.

At the start of the second half, goalscorer Swain flicked a perfect ball into the path of Daniels, but the Burcough back line responded well, making a clearance, despite Colbeck nearly edging the ball in.

But despite Burscough's best defensive efforts, Knowles got Town's second goal to make it 2–0 and Knowles soon got a third from a well taken free kick.

The Linnets were away at Ossett Town in a league fixture on Tuesday. They host New Mills on Saturday.

Skem forced to share points after late leveller

Skelmersdale United 1
Frickley Athletic 1

SUBSTITUTE Chris Wood swivelled and fired the ball high into the United net bang on 90 minutes at Stormy Corner to leave Skem with just a share of the points, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The first–half of the game was scrappy, neither team imposing themselves on the game as at times quality passing was at a premium.

The highlights of the opening 45 minutes, was a header from Skem captain Rob McIntosh which was scrambled off the goal–line, a swift counterattack by Frickley's Zeph Thomas that resulted in the ball striking the outside of the Skem upright and a great save by Martin Fearon from the visitors best man Luke Hinsley on 25 minutes.

The second–half was much better and Skelmersdale set the tempo just a few seconds after the restart, George Donnelly neatly laying the ball back to Ged Kinsella who saw his powerful drive from 20 yards superbly tipped over the crossbar by Frickley's Slovakian goalkeeper Sebastian Malkowski.

Malkowski repeated the trick on 56 minutes, this time Isaac Kusaloka being thwarted after Kinsella set him up.

But this time from the corner Kusaloka got his revenge, stooping to head home Shaun Holden's corner to give Skelmersdale the lead.

They could have doubled the lead in the 63rd minute after Frickley full–back Luke Jeffs tripped a goalbound Jack Phillips, inside the penalty area or so it appeared, the referee gave a free kick.

Isaac Kusaloka heads Skelmersdale in front. Picture by John Driscoll.

Frickley had a fair amount of possession but thanks to Messenger Express man of the match Tony Rendell and his partner at the back Rob McIntosh they created very little.

Skelmersdale were desperately unlucky on 72 minutes when Chris Almond fought his way past two defenders on the right and played the ball into the box, Kinsella sent the ball against the far post, from where it rolled along the goal–line and was then cleared.

Jacob Hazel clipped the top of the Skemcrossbar on 75 minutes, before Donnelly cut into the Frickley box and drove the ball across the face of goal, but no Skem player could get the golden touch.

Frickley won a corner in the 90th minute and the ball bounced around and wasn't cleared properly before dropping to Wood for the leveller.

Skelmersdale's unbeaten run now extends to four games.

More injury woe as Burton out for six weeks with hand fracture

SKELMERSDALE United assistant manager Brian Richardson believes the signs of a return to form are good for Skelmersdale, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

He said: "We are playing a lot better and Saturday saw us make a further improvement, once we are over the injury problems we are having we will move up the table."

Brian has been Tommy Lawson's right–hand man now for nine years and has played a big part in the development of United under Lawson.

Skem are in the middle of a busy period. They played Colwyn Bay at Stormy Corner last night, then travel to Grantham on Saturday.

This is followed by a home game against Buxton on Tuesday, 7.45pm kick off.

It has however been a case of one in and one out for Skelmersdale this week. Jack Phillips has signed on what is initially a month's loan from Accrington Stanley, but Lawson has lost the services of midfielder Alan Burton for around six weeks.

Phillips is a player Lawson knows about as he arrived with the club in pre–season after spending last season with Prescot Cables.

But Lawson knew he was to go on trial with Accrington, where he did that well that gave him a full–time contract.

He has appeared in the first team, but Stanley manager John Coleman felt he would benefit from a spell with Skelmersdale as it would give him regular first team football.

Alan Burton, who is a former Accrington player himself, broke his hand in last week's Liverpool Senior Cup win at Marine.

Lawson said of the injury: "It is a blow, Alan is an important and committed member of the side.

"It was actually his commitment that saw him through the Marine match as it was only after playing the full game that he went to hospital, where X–rays showed the bad news."

Skem expect Tom Ince to be back for the Colwyn Bay game after missing the Frickley match due to a commitment he made before signing forms in the summer.

But they will be without Rob McIntosh who is serving a one match suspension after he acquired five bookings, but will be back for the Buxton match on Tuesday.

Richmond gifted a winner to snatch points

Lytham Town 1
Burscough Richmond 2

RICHMOND created little in the first half but started the second half with an extraordinary strike from the half–way line by midfielder Mike Galliers, heading straight for the underside of the crossbar, before it was tipped over the bar by Town keeper.

Richmond stand–in goalkeeper Gage Walsh could not be blamed for the opening goal when the defenders went missing, before a well delivered corner kick found the unmarked Lytham forward Danny Scarlett, who powered his header into the back of the net.

What happened next was bizzarre as a fox mysteriously decided to take a quick look at the game then trotted off behind the goal Richmond were attacking.

Within three minutes Richmond were 2–1 up. A penalty was awarded for a foul on Jimmy Hanson, and the spot kick was dispatched by Mike Galliers.

Then Town goalkeeper Ridings fumbled an innocuous shot from rookie striker Tierney, as Jimmy Hanson was following in. The ball then bounced off the keeper, for the striker to tap the ball over the line.

Richmond host Mill Hill on Saturday.

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